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SUBJECT: STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE STEINER
AFFAIR

1. THE INITIAL HEARING AND RESEARCH OF THE BUNDESTAG'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION INTO THE STEINER AFFAIR HAVE REVEALED THE FOLLOWING. STEINER, WHO HAD IN YEARS BEFORE BEEN AN INFORMANT FOR THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING RADICAL RIGHT-WING POLITICAL GROUPS, HAD EIGHT MEETINGS WITH THREE DIFFERENT GDR OFFICIALS REGARDING INTERNAL CDU MATTERS. STEINER, THROUGH HIS LAWYER, INFORMED THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THESE MEETINGS. BOTH INTERIOR MINISTER GENSCHER AND CHIEF OF CHANCELLERY HORST GRABERT INFORMED THE COMMITTEE BY LETTER THAT NO CONTACT BETWEEN FEDERAL AGENCIES AND STEINER WAS RELEVANT TO THE NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE OF LAST APRIL. STEINER'S LAWYER ALSO SAID THAT THE CDU'S WERNER MARX WAS INFORMED BY STEINER OF HIS GDR CONTACTS BUT MARX CATEGORICALLY DENIES THAT THIS IS SO.

2. FDP DEPUTY AND PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY MOERSCH TESTIFIED THAT THOUGH HE HAD TWICE TALKED TO STEINER THAT NEITHER THE EASTERN CONTACT NOR THE NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE WAS MENTIONED. SPD DEPUTY BAEUCHLE
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TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD TOLD WIENAND THAT STEINER WANTED

TO VOTE FOR THE MOSCOW AND WARSAW TREATIES BUT WAS AFRAID OF DIFFICULTIES WITH HIS PARTY. TO WHICH WIENAND REPLIED, ACCORDING TO BAEUCHLE, "IN SUCH CASES ONE CAN PAY IN CASH. ONE CAN ALSO TRANSFER IT ABROAD. ONE CAN ALSO OFFER ON A JOB." LATER IN BAEUCHLE'S APARTMENT, ACCORDING ALSO TO BAEUCHLE, WIENAND OFFERED STEINER 200,000 TO 250,000 DM AT WHICH POINT BAEUCHLE LEFT THE ROOM. (THE VOTE ON THE EASTERN TREATIES, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MAY 17, PASSED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY FOR THE GOVERNMENT, THREE WEEKS AFTER THE NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE.)

3. STEINER, WHO WAS TO HAVE TESTIFIED ON JUNE 27, SENT A DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE TO THE COMMITTEE SAYING HE COULD NOT APPEAR AS SCHEDULED BECAUSE HE WAS "IN DANGER OF A HEART ATTACK." THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO GO TO HIM AND ON JULY 11 ON THE TEGERNSEE HE TESTIFIED THAT LAST YEAR WIENAND HAD GIVEN HIM 50,000 DM TO VOTE AGAINST BARZEL IN THE NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE. (THIS LESSER SUM REFLECTS PERHAPS THE FACT THAT UNLIKE THE TREATY VOTE, THIS ONE WAS SECRET.)

4. THE END OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IS NOT YET IN SIGHT. HILLENBRAND

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